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ANNUAL REPORTS

for the Year 1960

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

St. David's,

Presteigne.

October, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report
for 1960.

The general health of the community remains good
and there have been no epidemics.

The steady drain of population continued although
birth and death rates remain more or less constant. The
explanation is of course that the younger people are
moving away to find skilled jobs. The only way to
reverse the population drift is to build more houses. No
house has been built by this council for ten years and
only one private house has been built since the war.

No major housing project will be sanctioned by the
Ministry until the mains services have been improved
and this remains the most urgent consideration of the
Council.

I have to thank the Clerk and the Public Health
Inspector for their enthusiastic co-operation over the
year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WALKER,

M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Medical Officer of Health.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health	David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector	G. V. R. Lee, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Clerk of the Council	Cecil Sellers

Section A.

STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA

	1959	1960
Area (in acres) ...	2718	2718
Population ...	1230	1230
Number of inhabited houses	490	490
Rateable value of the area	£10,037	£10,962
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	£40	£41 10 0

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1959			1960		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	9	5	14	10	6	16
(illegitimate)	—	1	1	—	—	—
Still births (legitimate)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (all causes)	8	8	16	2	8	10
Deaths of infants under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantile mortality rate	0·0			0·0		
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Population)	12·2			13·0		
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	0·0			0·0		
Death rate (per 1,000 of Population)	13·0			8·1		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1959			1960		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	—	1	—	—	—
" " lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	1	1	1	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	1	1	—	1	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	2	5	1	1	2
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other Heart Disease	2	—	2	—	3	3
Other circulatory Disease	—	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	1	1	—	—	—
Nephritis	—	1	1	—	—	—
Other defined or ill defined diseases	1	1	2	—	1	1
Motor vehicle accident	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total—All Causes	8	8	16	2	8	10

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1960 only nine cases of infectious and other notifiable disease occurred; they were :

Measles

Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS. The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fourth Annual Report, upon the work carried out and falling within my scope during 1960.

The number of routine inspections again rose during the year. This was, in part, due to the low number of complaints making it possible for me to devote more time to routine matters which so frequently have to be put on one side to deal with emergencies. Also, towards the end of the year, the Council appointed me as Surveyor, with increased number of hours of duty.

The efficient weekly removal of refuse has continued and it is pleasing to report that not a single complaint was received, during the period, either as to non-removal or late removal of house refuse.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration, to express my thanks to Dr. Walker, and to your Clerk, Mr. Sellers, for their help and co-operation.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. V. R. LEE,

Public Health Inspector.

October, 1961.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Total Inspections	1077
Number of Complaints received	20
Informal Notices served	19
Informal Notices complied	19
Statutory Notices Served	2
Statutory Notices Complied	2

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

Meat and Food	169
Meat Shops	53
Slaughterhouses	77
Housing—Primary	138
—Re-Inspections	313
Water Supply	13
Drainage	85
Cleansing	37
Rodent Control	36
Moveable Dwelling	16
Dairy	4
Bakehouse	4
Smoke	2
Food Premises	20
Shops	10
Ice Cream	17
Factory (No Mech. Power)	12
Miscellaneous	9
Factory (Mech. Power)	20
Highways	18
Cinema	3
Overcrowding	4
Cafe	15
Petroleum	2

1077

MEAT and FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 229 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in your area. The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered during the year and percentages affected with disease.

CARCASSES and OFFAL INSPECTED and CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	140	—	6	355	53	—
Number inspected	135	—	6	340	50	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	15	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticerci	3·7	—	—	4·4	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

